

**Proposed 2006 King County Comprehensive Plan Amendments
Executive Recommended Policy Amendment Summary**

Policy	Description	Comments
R-542	<p>Aquatic habitat restoration projects or floodplain restoration projects are allowed on agricultural lands that are unsuitable for direct agricultural production purposes, such as portions of property that have not historically been farmed due to soil conditions or frequent flooding, and which cannot be returned to productivity by drainage maintenance, or where the proposed project would result in a net benefit to agricultural productivity. Agriculture must remain the predominant use in the APDs and these projects shall not reduce the ability to farm in the area. Such projects may only be allowed on agricultural lands when there are no other suitable lands available and the project is supported by landowners who would be impacted by the project and when:</p> <p>a. The project is included in an approved Water Resources Inventory Area Plan, Farm Management Plan, Flood Hazard ((Reduction)) <u>Management</u> Plan or other functional plan; or</p> <p>b. The project would improve agricultural productivity within the APD.</p>	The amendment will update the language to use the correct name of the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
E-105	<p>Environmental quality and important ecological functions shall be protected and hazards to health and property shall be minimized through development reviews and implementation of land use plans, Water Resource Inventory Area plans, surface water management plans and programs, flood hazard ((reduction)) <u>management</u> plans and park master plans. These plans shall also encourage restoration of critical areas as defined in the Growth Management Act, and include an adaptive management approach.</p>	The amendment will update the language to use the correct name of the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan
E-119	<p>King County shall use incentives, regulations and programs to manage its water resources (Puget Sound, rivers, streams, lakes, freshwater and marine wetlands and ground water) and to protect and enhance their multiple beneficial uses – including fish and wildlife habitat, flood and erosion ((control)) <u>reduction</u>, water quality control and sediment transport, water supply, energy production, transportation, recreational opportunities and scenic beauty. Use of water resources for one purpose should, to the fullest extent practicable, preserve opportunities for other uses.</p>	The amendment will update the language that is used in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.

E-123	King County shall protect and should enhance surface waters, including streams, lakes, wetlands and the marine near shore and receiving waters of Puget Sound, on a watershed basis by analyzing water quantity and quality problems and their impacts to beneficial uses, including fish and wildlife habitat and flood and erosion (((control))) <u>reduction</u> . Conditions of and impacts to the downstream receiving marine beaches and waters of Puget Sound shall be included in watershed management efforts. King County shall continue to participate in the Central Puget Sound Water Resource Planning effort.	The amendment will update the language that is used in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
E-125	Responsibility for the costs of watershed planning and project implementation including water quality, flood hazard (((reduction))) <u>management</u> and fisheries habitat protection, should be shared between King County and other jurisdictions within a watershed.	The amendment will update the language that is used in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
E-126	Watershed management plans, Water Resource Inventory Area plans, flood hazard (((reduction))) <u>management</u> plans and master drainage plans should apply a tiered system of protection that affords a higher standard of protection for more significant resources. Resource categories should include Regionally Significant Resource Areas (RSRAs), Locally Significant Resource Areas (LSRAs), Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, and remaining resources. Where appropriate, additional designations shall be made as additional information on environmental functions becomes available.	The amendment will update the language that is used in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
E-202	King County has evaluated and will continue to evaluate programs and regulations to determine their effectiveness in contributing to ESA listed species conservation and recovery, and will update and enhance programs and plans where needed including evaluation of the zoning code, the Critical Areas Code, the Shoreline Master Program, the Clearing and Grading Code, the landscaping Code, the Surface Water Design Manual, the flood hazard (((reduction))) <u>management</u> plan, regional wastewater services plan, best management practices for vegetation management and use of insecticides, herbicides and fungicides, and best management practices for agricultural lands and forest lands under county authority. King County may amend these regulations, plans and best management practices to enhance their effectiveness in protecting and restoring salmonid habitat, using a variety of resources including best available science as defined in	The amendment will update the language to use the correct name of the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.

	WAC 365-195-905 through 365-195-925 and resource documents developed by the Tri-County salmon conservation coalition and the shared strategy.	
P-202	King County shall be a regional leader in the provision of a regional open space system of parks, trails, natural areas, working resource lands, and flood hazard ((reduction)) <u>management</u> lands. The regional network of open spaces provides benefits to all county residents including: recreation facilities, conservation of natural and working resource lands, flood hazard ((protection)) <u>management</u> and related programs, and services. Preservation will include wildlife corridors and riparian habitat, as well as open space areas separating urban and rural areas.	The amendment will update the language to be consistent with the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
F-265	King County should participate with cities to prepare, update and implement comprehensive flood hazard ((reduction)) <u>management</u> plans that meet or exceed standards established by the National Flood Insurance Program.	The amendment will update the language used in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
F-267	Maintenance of flood protection facilities on the mainstem rivers in King County should reflect a prioritized approach, based upon the Flood Hazard ((Reduction)) <u>Management</u> Plan policies, within available funding levels. Additional funding sources and partnerships in support of maintaining and improving flood protection facilities should be sought whenever possible.	The amendment will update the language to use the correct name of the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
CP-917	If the long-term solution to flooding problems in the City of Snoqualmie is determined to have basin-wide impacts, these impacts shall be reviewed ((by)) <u>for consistency with the 2006 King County ((flood control management plan team or its equivalent)) Flood Hazard Management Plan policies</u> to identify any additional mitigations which may be required. If the long-term solution to flooding problems is demonstrated to not have basin-wide impacts, it should be implemented as soon as possible and would not require a second, basin-wide, review of impacts and mitigations. (SQP-74)	The amendment will update the language to use the correct name of the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan and to correct policy drafting language.

Code Amendments

Code	Description	Comments
Code Interpretations		
2.100.030, 2.100.040, and 2.100.050	Code interpretations relating to code enforcement cases may be appealed to the hearing examiner.	Currently, an appeal of the code interpretation is appealed to court, while the code enforcement action is appealed to the hearing examiner. The amendment will allow all issues relating to a code enforcement action to be heard in one proceeding.
2.100.900	Repeal report on code interpretation ordinance required to be submitted to the Council in 2003.	The report was submitted as required.
Terminology changes		
20.18.180 21A.08.030 21A.37.030 21A.38.060 21A.38.210 21A.38.240 21A.39.020 21A.39.030 21A.55.050	Change "sensitive area" to "critical area"	Technical change to be consistent with new terminology.
Appeal Procedures (Chapter 20.20)		
20.20.020	Change "sensitive area exception" to "alteration exception".	Technical change to be consistent with new terminology.
20.20.040	Change "this title" to "title 19A."	Correct reference to code provisions governing subdivisions.
Zoning Code (Title 21A)		
21A.06.162 21A.08.040	Amends definition of recreational and retreat camps to clarify that these camps do not include facilities for treatment of addictions, correctional training, or homeless housing. Related amendment to 21A.09.040B.24 removes this same wording from the permitted use table.	Clarify intent of recreational and retreat camps.

Code	Description	Comments
New Definitions	New definitions of clustering, active recreation, and passive recreation are added. These terms are used throughout the zoning code. The definitions are based on the Comprehensive Plan glossary and the Parks Comprehensive Plan	
21A.08.040 21A.08.050 21A.08.060 21A.08.070	Clarify permitted use tables where two or more conditions apply to a land use.	
21A.12.170	On a parcel in the RA zone, in the interior setback that adjoins a property zoned NB or CB, structures housing refrigeration equipment are allowed that extend no more than ten feet into the setback and are no more than sixty feet in length	
21A.14.040	A resource tract created under K.C.C. 16.82.152 may qualify as a resource tract under the zoning code clustering provisions. A provision "defining" passive recreation facilities is deleted.	The passive recreation facility definition is unneeded with the addition of a definition of passive recreation.
21A.14.180	Requires subdivisions of greater than 8 du/acre to provide 300 square feet per unit for on-site recreation.	Existing code requires on-site space of subdivisions of 8 du/acre or less.
21A.30.080	The limits on the number of non-resident employees for a home occupation applies only to employees who come to the site of the home occupation.	
21A.30.090	The limits on the number of non-resident employees for a home industry applies only to employees who come to the site of the home industry. An obsolete reference to the "zoning adjustor" is corrected. There is also an incorrect reference to home "occupation" that should be home "industry."	
21A.32.055 21A.32.065	Correct cross-reference to a section that has been repealed.	
21A.42.190	Establish standards for modification of a conditional use or special use permit.	